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FROM AMBASSADOR ATTN MR ORTIZ INTERNATIONAL ENFORCEMENT

FOLLOWING REPEAT KINGSTON 1021 ACTION SECSTATE MAR 10.

QUOTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KINGSTON 1021

FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MODE: RECOMMENDATION FOR REDUCTION IN KINGSTON DEA STAFF

1. DEA KINGSTON IS PRESENTLY STAFFED WITH (A) ONE GS-14 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR (SAICC); (B) ONE GS-13 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR; AND (C) ONE GS-6 SECRETARY/STENOGRAPHER. THE GS-13 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR (ALBERT PARRISH) IS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM KINGSTON TO MIAMI WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT PLANS (CLEAN SLATE) TO REORGANIZE THE EMBASSY, I HAVE REVIEWED CAREFULLY DEA'S STAFFING AGAINST CURRENT WORK LEVELS. THIS INCLUDED AN ASSESSMENT OF DEA'S MISSION IN JAMAICA AS AGAINST THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM, AND THE PRESENT AND POTENTIAL CHARACTER OF COOPERATION WE MAY REALISTICALLY EXPECT FROM THE GOJ. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT OUR INTENTION TO FOLD THE DEA UNIT INTO A BROADER
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MISSION POLICY AND REPORTING SECTION WITH ANTICIPATED IMPROVED

EFFICIENCY IN THE APPLICATION OF ALL MISSION HUMAN
RESOURCES.

3. THE ABOVE REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT HAS CONVINCED ME THAT
I MUST RECOMMEND THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE NUMBER TWO
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR DEA POSITION SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH
THE INCUMBENT'S DEPARTURE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THIS
RECOMMENDATION IS BASED ON MY FIRM CONVICTION THAT, FOR
THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THE DEA FUNCTION HERE WILL BE
ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OF AN INTELLIGENCE LIAISON CHARACTER,
I.E. NON-OPERATIONAL REQUIRING ONLY ONE OFFICER AND A
SECRETARY. THE GOJ HAS (GIVEN THE EXISTING DETERIORATING
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION) NEITHER THE POLITICAL
WILL NOR THE FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCES NECESSARY TO
COOPERATE WITH US IN A BROADER MANNER AS IN THE PAST.

4. I RECOGNIZE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RECOMMENDATION
WILL WORK A HARDSHIP ON THE REMAINING DEA AGENT. I ALSO
HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT (WITH ADEQUATE BACKUP FROM DEA/
MIAMI AND FROM OTHER ELEMENTS OF THIS MISSION) HE CAN
EFFICIENTLY AND ADEQUATELY FULFILLALL HIS ASSIGNED
FUNCTIONS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE IN THE PRESENT JAMAICAN
POLITICAL/ECONOMIC CLIMATE. TO THE EXTENT THAT ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES ARE NEEDED FROM TIME TO TIME BY DEA/KINGSTON,
I BELIEVE THOSE CAN BE PROVIDED MOST EFFICIENTLY AND
AT LESSER EXPENSE TO USG BY ASSIGNMENT OF TDY AGENTS
FOR BRIEF PERIODS TO KINGSTON OUT OF MIAMI. SUCH TDYS
COULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR MANNING OF THE DEA OFFICE HERE
WHENEVER THE RESIDENT AGENT WISHES TO TAKE ANNUAL LEAVE.

4. THE DEA SAICC DOES NOT WHOLLY CONCUR IN THIS
RECOMMENDATION AND WILL COMMUNICATE HIS VIEWS SEPARATELY.
THE MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATOR DOES FULLY CONCUR IN
THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION.

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